

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE -
WINTERTON & SAFFRE TOWN TWINING ASSOCIATION**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of exchanges between the Winterton Town and Saffre Town Twinning Association and Saffre, France.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 18 June 1997, the council's former Policy Committee agreed that the Council's approach in respect of town twinning/linking should be to adopt an "arms length" relationship (minute 946 refers). That committee also agreed that the former Tourism and Linking Sub-Committee should consider applications for informal linking activities deemed beneficial across North Lincolnshire. The maximum grant available was set at £200 and on 21 July, 1997, that sub-committee had also approved criteria in respect of grant applications for linking activities which demonstrated and encouraged mutual, cultural and social awareness (minute 978 refers).
- 2.2 An application has now been received from the Winterton Town and Saffre Town Twinning Association for assistance towards the cost of a visit from representatives of Saffre to North Lincolnshire in August 2014. This will consist of approximately 33 representatives visiting North Lincolnshire including a number of adults and young people.
- 2.3 There is a longstanding twinning arrangement involving Winterton and Saffre. The application meets the criteria set out in minute 978 referred to above.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To grant, or not grant the application.

4. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

4.1 There are no staffing, property or IT implications associated with the report and in relation to the financial implications limited finances are available to support links of this kind, subject to approval.

5. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

5.1 Not applicable

6. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

6.1 Exchange visits on occasions can involve the Mayor of North Lincolnshire.

6.2 There are no conflicts of interest.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That a grant of £200 be made to the Winterton and Saffre Twinning Association in the financial year 2014/2015.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report -

Application received from the Winterton and Saffre Town Twinning Association.